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Water company closes downtown business office

The Illinois-American Water Co. has closed its customer service office at 1800 Edison Ave.

The closing was effective Monday, Jan. 4, the same day as the announcement.

All service calls will now be handled through the company's new telephone hotline: 1-800-422-2782. The hotline service also is effective immediately.

Customers may pay their water bills also were accepted at the center's drive-through facility.

For customers still wanting to pay their bills using cash, five collection locations have been established. They are the First Central Bank of Granite City locations at 1809 Edison Ave. and 2400 Madison Ave., the First National Bank at Madison, 600 Madison Ave.; National Supermarket, 3100 Madison Ave.; and Schnucks Supermarket, 3401 Nameoki Road in the Nameoki Village Shopping Center.

Only deferred interest due bills can be paid at these locations and only for the exact amount of the bills.

Deferred bills and any bills for water service short of 30 days must be paid in person at the company's general offices at 3030 State St., East St. Louis, Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Customers also may pay their bills by mail using the envelope enclosed in their bills.



First in '88

NEW YEAR BABY: Bob and Cathy Wilson of Edwardsville admire their newborn daughter, Andrea Louise Wilson, the first baby born at St. Elizabeth Medical Center on Jan. 1. The infant was born at 10:06 a.m. New Year's Day and weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

(Photo by Buddy Bortz)

Fields: Vote fraud in ESL

By Dave Gosnell
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY Voting rights in East St. Louis was charged on Monday by Pete Fields, a 21st District congressional candidate.

Fields, Madison County auditor, was selected to speak at a press conference in East St. Louis on Tuesday. He said he would charge that up to 2,000 votes may be fraudulent.

Fields is blaming one of his Democratic primary opponents, St. Clair County Board Chairman Jerry Costello, for delay in a proposed "homesteading" program in East St. Louis. Fields said 4,000 condemned buildings have been taken over by St. Clair County due to non-payment of taxes.

Fields claims abandoned buildings are being used as homes by supporters of East St. Louis voters. He said he has linked vacant property with voter lists, but he did not connect county-owned property with the allegations.

Fields said he plans to give evidence to Frederick Hess, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, for possible further investigation.

Asked prior to the press conference if he thought any specific official benefits from the alleged fraudulent votes, Fields said, "Those are the kinds of conclusions that are being drawn to have to draw for themselves. 'Who benefits from that kind of voting fraud?' Generally it's politicians in Belleville. I think that many in East St. Louis know."

Fields charged that up to \$100,000 from outside the city is being used to finance campaign activities in East St. Louis and questioned where such money is coming from.

Voters may decide on county exec

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County voters may decide in November whether to change the structure of county government to one which places significant powers in the hands of a county executive.

The county would be the first in Illinois to adopt the county executive form of government under legislation enacted in 1985.

In Madison and most Illinois counties, voters elect representatives to a county board. The county executive is elected chairman from among their membership. The chairman presides over board meetings and performs limited executive functions.

The county executive form of government would add an executive branch to county government, headed by a county executive elected by voters at large.

A county executive would have significantly more power to shape and implement policy than a county board chairman.

Petitions filed in Circuit Court last week ask for a referendum in March on adoption of the alternative system of government. Advocates of the change, including Bob Barton, Granite

City, a Republican, say the county's chief executive should be accountable to voters.

If the proposition is approved, voters would elect a county executive next November.

Judge P.J. O'Neill will consider the sufficiency of the petitions. He has set hearing at 10 a.m. Thursday to hear objections that were filed against the petitions.

James Monday, Madison County director of administration, said the addition of an executive branch to county government would make it more like state and municipal governments.

The executive "has a lot more to say about what happens," Monday said. "The role of the county board member is kind of diminished."

Under the present system, committees of the board perform certain policy-making and administrative functions, but under the county executive government, those functions would diminish, Monday said.

A county executive would be elected directly by the voters to serve a four-year term. Although not a member of the county board, the executive would preside over board meetings, but vote only when necessary to break a tie.

Key to a county executive's policy-making role are the powers to prepare and submit budgets, to manage and coordinate administrative functions by executive order, and veto legislative acts of the board, subject to override by a three-fifths vote.

Under the present system, budgets are prepared by the county board chairman. The board chairman has no power to act through executive orders and has no veto power over the board.

Currently, the only county in Illinois with a county executive governmental structure is Cook County, but it is set up under a special statutory provisions that affect no other county.

Winnipeg County voters last year defeated a proposal to adopt the county executive form of government authorized by the 1985 law. The vote was 7,705 for and 12,674 against the proposal.

Voters in neighboring St. Clair County, and in DuPage County, do not have an executive form of government. St. Clair County has had at-large elections of board chairmen since 1972.

In Madison County, the County Board could provide for at-large election of a chairman — without adopting the county executive form of government — but only when board districts are reorganized, the next time being in 1992.

St. Clair County Board Chairman Jerry Costello said county-wide election of a county board chairman makes the chairman directly accountable to the voters.

He said the board chairman in St. Clair County wields more power in the sense that the chairman is dependent on the voters, not board members, for election.

Two County Board members oppose referendum petitions

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — An objection filed Monday seeks invalidation of petitions that would let voters decide if they want a county executive form of government.

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Fields charged that up to \$100,000 from outside the city is being used to finance campaign activities in East St. Louis and questioned where such money is coming from.

The two allege the petitions contain at least 327 signatures with incomplete addresses

because no community is listed. In some cases, the abbreviation "GC" is used to indicate the city.

There shouldn't be any confusion as to where the signers live since their names and addresses are listed, said Bob Barton, the Republican from Granite City who filed the petitions on Christmas Eve.

"I've seen letters out with 'GC' and had them returned with 'GC,'" Barton said.

(See OBJECT, Page 6A)

District may join paper cooperative

By Bill Bagby

Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — District 9 may join other school districts in a cooperative effort of purchasing certain paper products.

The School Board on Wednesday voted that the resolution be drafted by Dr. Norman Owca, the district's financial director, authority to participate in a paper purchasing program. The resolution is expected to be introduced at the board's Jan. 7 meeting.

In a meeting of the Mississippi Valley Association of School Business Officials held on Oct. 29, the people attending voted to solicit a cooperative bid for cer-

tain paper items," Owca wrote in a memo to Superintendent Gib Walmsley and board members.

"Present at the meeting were representatives from seven school districts that already have 35 participants in a cooperative covering an area from Bethalto School District to Pike-Land School District," Owca wrote.

"Also present were persons participating in a Belleville Schools Cooperative that has 12 participants and two districts that are interested in participating in a larger consolidated purchasing arrangement for paper."

Bids are expected to be solicited for Xerographic, duplicator

(See PAPER, Page 6A)

Highway murder trial delayed due to illness

EDWARDSVILLE — A delay in the trial of the accused highway sniper Gene Herman Arnett.

Jury selection was slated to begin Monday, a court clerk said, but was delayed because Arnett, 20, of Granite City, is suffering from hepatitis and is under confinement at the Menard Correctional Center in Chester.

Arnett is at the prison because his parole was revoked the day before he was to begin his sentence.

Arnett was arraigned Nov. 24 in Edwardsville on two counts of first degree murder in the shooting slaying of Todd Scrum, 21, 9 Mercer Drive. Scrum was shot in the head early Oct. 24 while

driving west on Interstate 270, north of Granite City.

On Oct. 23, Arnett was arraigned in Granite City on charges of attempted and armed robbery and armed violence in the Nov. 19 wounding of Michael Snodgrass, 20, an attendant at the Clark Service Station on I-270 in Edwardsville.

Arnett is accused of using a shotgun to shoot Snodgrass in Fairmont City, in the back during a robbery at the service station.

Arnett was released in July from Menard after serving nine years of an 11-year sentence for armed robbery.

Tip of the hat



Personality Plus
Press-Record "Personality of the Year" recognition for 1987 went to Tammy Robertson and her son, Jason, a mother and son who have drawn international attention for their unique method of dealing with his AIDS-related complex. Mrs. Robertson, who feared her son might face difficulty from angry parents if he attended school with other children, gave her consent for Jason to be put in a classroom by himself. She will re-evaluate her decision at the end of the school year.

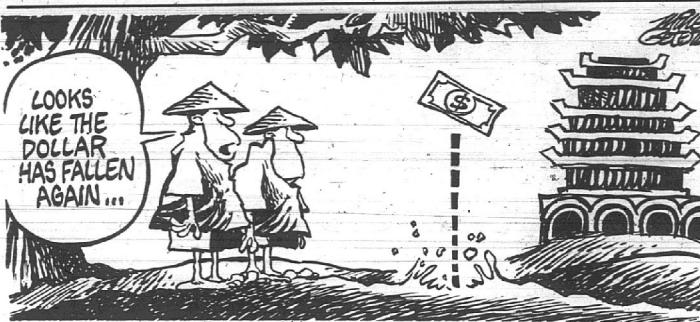
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BY DON WILLIAMS/UNITED FEATURES SYNDICATE

Parton hates her TV show; makes changes

Entertainer Dolly Parton says her new TV show is a disaster. She says: "It was so down-the-cousin, let's call it Hollywood 'experts' talk me into doing things I knew in my heart were wrong."

Dolly, if I read you correctly in the *News*, you have discovered something significant and I hope you have discovered it in time.

I grew up with what we now call "country music." My first job was on KVOO in Tulsa, Okla., a hundred years ago. When I wasn't reading news I was announcing Bob Wills and his Tex-Mex band.

He called his "hillbilly band" and it never tried to be anything else and it outlasted his own lifetime.

But within weeks the network was dropping it. New York cabaret singers and slick production numbers that killed the program graveyard dead.

Johnny Cash wasn't given his big break until he broadened his Manhattan-oriented audience, tried to make him and June into something they weren't — and that series succumbed.

So — Hello, Dolly!

It was well-intentioned but inept PR people who had you in

Paul Harvey News
By Paul Harvey
L.A. Times Syndicate

allowed itself to be mongrelized in the 1950s, sacrificing its magic.

Ralph Foster's "Ozarks Jubilee" was so phenomenally successful on KWTO in Springfield, Mo., that a network offered to expand its audience nationwide.

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And you and I know grasshoppers Americans are not like that.

bubble bath with a glass of champagne inviting your listeners to come in but did not appeal to "you" listeners.

They featured you flirting each week with some gorgeous Hollywood type and your fans thought you were cheating on your husband.

You wanted to invite bonafide country music guest stars and the network said no. They even had you singing such uncharacteristic numbers as "Someone to Watch Over Me."

Anyway, with your silly "variety" program headed for the ashcan, you appealed to the caught-on-the-tape and starting in January, the Dolly Parton show will abandon the glitz in favor of your distinctive down-home flavor.

Bully for you.

Dolly, what does a newsman care? I hesitate to give you anything else to worry about right now. My heart-broken mother tried to make him and June into something they weren't — and that series succumbed.

And you and I know grasshoppers Americans are not like that.

Astronomers witnessing birth of a star

Astronomers have long pondered how the sun, the nearest star to our planet, including the earth, formed. An elaborate theory has been developed to explain how a star can form in our galaxy or anywhere in the universe.

The theory is based on the condensation of a huge cloud of gas and dust over a long period of time. The material will collect and eventually produce a star similar to our sun.

Astronomers, however, have been unable to see this phenomena.

The dust in the cloud used to screen out the visible light so that events leading to star formation could not be seen. What was the situation about about 1900? The infrared and microwave methods of observation were developed. These wavelengths can get through the dust

cloud because the dust essentially is transparent to the infrared and microwave radiation. Today, astronomers can see inside a gas and dust cloud.

In 1983, an infrared astronomy satellite discovered a great many infrared sources. Among them was an object about 50 light years away. It is a huge object — its diameter is about 20 times larger than the orbit of Pluto, our most distant planet.

Material is rushing outward

from the body and that is exactly what the young star is expected to do. But material is also falling into the center of the object. Even though the outer regions are only slightly visible, the internal portions are collapsing inward. This is precisely what the theory of star formation predicts.

The theory has reinforced the theory of how our sun and solar system formed.

Astronomers searched for such an object for a long time, now that it has been found, it is being studied in detail. It appears that the object has been collapsing for about 30,000 years. In another 100,000 years it will reach the center.

Astronomers have filled in the "missing link" in our understanding of star formation. Finally, they are seeing the actual birth of a star.

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Readers: Save your money! Here is your 1988 forecast

Martin on the Metro

By Pat Martin



team.

Sadly, negotiations have stalled over an agreement on the nature of the business and how many days Clark would have to show.

Our headline, however, is accurate. Maxvill and Clark were seen walking arm-in-arm on the red carpet which a business Clark was limping slightly and leaning on Maxvill, who was helping his beleaguered slugger with one hand and holding onto his wallet with the other.

St. Louis Highways to Remain Construction-Free!

A little-known night spot, St. Louis Highways, has been around for a long time and will make no repairs in 1988. Decorated tastefully in orange cones and white and orange barrels, the running room will continue to feature its real-life atmosphere. To wit: one guy playing pool and 19 others standing around watching.

You Can Win and Will Win at Lotteries

It has been reported that people do win the grand prize in the Missouri Lottery. A woman from Festus is rumored to have

almost bought the winning ticket the time, but she didn't have enough money on her and so the prize went unclaimed for another 6½ months.

Statistically, you will win the lottery if you buy one ticket per week and DO NOT CHANGE numbers. Within a matter of 45 or 50 centuries, those numbers will come up. Mathematically, they have to. We guarantee it by a very strange cosmic quirk: they don't, sue us. We'll all be dead by then.

But to show our good faith, have a little lottery of our own: if you don't win our lottery, we will spring for a free ticket in the Intergalactic Lotto. That is, if the legislature has approved the notion of pooling lottery proceeds with other solar systems.

MSD Announces Free Sewage in 1988!

It's true. Because the voters keep on turning it down, the rate increased for the MSD Board of Directors has taken a drastic step. Free sewage will be given away at locations where there used to be treatment plants.

St. Louis has an unusual opportunity. In the old days, the gunk would be turned into ordinary water. Anybody can get regular water. But who, without digging a hole in their own sewer line, can get for free?

Directors hope this last-ditch appeal will take care of sewage problems. After the rate increase, the closing of treatment plants, Insiders say, is on the hot air. Maxvill Go Into Business

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Maxvill's departure and Jack

Clark's insistence on good working conditions, the pair would

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Good Samaritan

QUICK ACTION RECOGNIZED: Fred McColgan, center, is presented with a Meritorious Lifesaving Award by Pontoon Beach Mayor Glen Wilson. McColgan is credited with heroic efforts in rescuing a woman from her car in below-freezing temperatures. The car was partially submerged in a ditch filled with water. Witnessing the presentation, at left, is Police Chief Chet Ballew.

Search for new attorney on hold

By Gary King
Staff writer

MADISON — The search for a replacement for the late City Attorney Lawrence Hartman hasn't begun yet. Mayor John Bellcoff said it was the Dec. 29 meeting of the City Council.

Hartman, 50, Glen Carbon, died Dec. 19. A native of Venice, he was named to the city attorney post on May 9, 1985, by Bellcoff.

"We haven't put any thought

into that issue yet," Bellcoff said, responding to Fourth Ward Alderman Norris Horton's question about when Hartman's replacement would be named.

"We just lost Larry and need to replace him yet," Bellcoff said.

Until a successor is named, Assistant City Attorney Dave Hyler, Grantville, will serve on an interim basis.

Bellcoff said Hartman's replacement could be named as

early as Jan. 12, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council. He said attorneys Lance Callis and John Papa are potential candidates for Hartman's post.

"There are some cases we've got pending that John and John are familiar with," Bellcoff said. "They've kept up with some of these cases."

City officials honored Hartman with a minute of silent prayer prior to the council meeting.

Speaker set for King observance

MAYA ANGELOU, a multi-talented playwright, and songwriter, will be the featured guest at a luncheon celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The theme of this year's program is "Living the Dream: Freedom and Dignity for All People."

Angelou's presentation will highlight the luncheon which begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Meridian Ballroom in the University Center. The Lincoln Concert Choir from Lincoln High School, East St. Louis will perform.

The birthday observance will conclude with a public reception from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Goshen Lounge in the University Center.

In the 1960s, Angelou became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Angelou has received many awards, door-to-door, as well as the Chubb Fellowship from Yale University.

Random House has published four autobiographical best-sellers by Angelou, as well as four books of her poetry. Her articles

"Woman of the Year in Commencement," in 1976.

Angelou has made more than 150 television appearances; her renowned "autobiographical reading" of her book "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" was aired as a two-hour CBS television special in 1979. Additional television credits include "Afro-American in the Arts" for PBS, for which she received the coveted Golden Eagle award.

In 1981, Angelou was appointed the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.

The 1988 King luncheon is the sixth such annual observance held at SIUE. On Jan. 18, the university and the nation will observe the federal holiday celebrating the birth King.

Reservations for the luncheon are \$8 per person and may be made by calling 692-2660 or writing Conferences and Institutes, Dept. 100, SIUE, Edwardsville, Ill., 62026-1036. Due to demand, tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Past celebrants have attended the luncheon. Reservations will be confirmed if payment is received by Jan. 7.

Angelou has appeared in "The New York Times," "Book and Cassette," and she was presented the Ladies Home Journal award.

Madison stickers on sale

City stickers for residents of Madison will be on sale on the Madison City Hall.

Price is \$1 for most residents of Madison. Senior citizens will be given their city sticker free of charge, according to City Comptroller Rick Tuttka.

City Hall office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

We're Sorry!

In this week's Dollar Day's Sale circular, we advertised snowglobes on sale for \$10 on page 6. Due to manufacturer's inability to ship, quantities will be limited. We will be substituting ornaments for boys' sizes 3 and 4 and girls' sizes 3 and 4. Sorry, no rain checks.

In this circular, we advertised the Mini-Panther radio-controlled race car on sale for \$7 on page 6. Due to manufacturer's inability to ship, quantities will be limited. We will be substituting ornaments for boys' sizes 3 and 4 and girls' sizes 3 and 4. Sorry, no rain checks.

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Also in this circular, we indicated the sale date on January 10. Due to a printing error the date was misspelled. The sale ends January 9.

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Peters again leads builders

The Southern Illinois Builders Association has re-elected James D. Peters, vice president of C.D. Peters Construction Co., Granite City, to serve as its (26th) president again in 1988.

Other officers elected were: Bruce Holland, president of Holland-Hinrichs Construction Inc., Belleville; first vice president, Glenn J. Schneebelen, vice president of E. Lindsay Construction Co., Granite City, as second vice president; and P.J. Keeley, president of Keeley & Sons Inc., East St. Louis, as secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected as directors for three-year terms were: Ray Veile, president of Veile Construction Co., Belleville; John Redmire, president of R.H. Construction Co. Inc., DuQuoin; and Paul Schneebelen, vice president of Massman Construction Co., St. Louis.

Ed Rust, president of The Rust Co., Inc., Edwardsville, was elected as the two-year director.

Peters said, "In a short 12 years we will have arrived at the year 2000. It will be an age of new technology and rapid change."

Peters said, "It's your obligation to take care of the people of Granite City," Peters told the board.

"The people elected you to serve them," Peters approached the board

Petish requests change in board meeting date

By Bill Babby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — John Petish Sr. has again requested that the District 9 School Board change the day of its meetings.

The board meetings usually held the first Tuesday of each month are held the same time as meetings of the Granite City Town Board and City Council.

Petish said at a Dec. 29 City Council meeting, "I immediately follow the township meeting."

"A change of date will give all people an opportunity to attend at three times," Petish said.

Petish said that the Madison School Board and City Council meet on separate nights.

"It's your obligation to take care of the people of Granite City," Petish told the board.

"The people elected you to serve them," Petish said.

Petish approached the board

several months ago, asking that the meeting day be changed.

It's up to the board to set meeting dates and times, said Superintendent William T. Tamm, "but it's a convenient day for the meetings due to the preparation and distribution of the agenda," Tamm said.

The City Council used to meet on a specific day than the school board, he said.

"We've had our meetings on Tuesday as long as I can remember," said Board President Monroe Worthen, who has served on the board since the 1950s.

Worthen asked why the other entities couldn't change their meeting dates.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, instead of Tuesday, Jan. 5. Meetings are slated to return to their normal time Jan. 19.

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School

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Christmas performance

SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS at Wilson Elementary School performed the Christmas musical "The North Pole Goes Rock and Roll" at a pre-holiday PTA meeting. The performance was under the direction of Alicia Popichak. The students are from the classes of Donald Ludeke and Mary Rogers. The program was given for students at the school on Dec. 21.



PRESENTATION: From left, at a check presentation ceremony held at Sacred Heart St. Joseph School, are the principal, Sister Angelene, Salvation Army Captain Curtis Hartley, seventh grader Anne Hewlett, eighth grader Catherine Alexander, sixth grader Nicole Zelenka and the project's moderator, sixth grade teacher Karen Ludeke.

Community service project sponsored at school

In preparation for Confirmation, the sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Sacred Heart St. Joseph School sponsored a community service project, collecting for the Salvation Army during December.

The campaign kickoff was a Dec. 1 all-school assembly where Capt. Curtis Hartley spoke about the background and purpose of the Salvation Army and

the Tree of Lights.

The sixth grade furnished each classroom with paper Christmas trees, while individual ornaments were placed throughout the campaign, each representing a class contribution of \$1.

The seventh grade class sponsored a class "unison" for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades with proceeds going to the campaign. Eighth

graders made a large Christmas tree collage for the cafeteria and ornaments for every \$10 contribution from the school.

The goal for the drive was set at \$193—a dollar per student. Representatives of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades presented Hartley with a check for that amount at an all-school assembly on Monday, Dec. 21.



Contribution made

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members at Granite City High School solicited contributions at local businesses for the recent United Way campaign. Total \$1,417 contributions at local businesses for the recent United Way campaign. Total \$1,417 was presented to Jan Quarton, United Way director. Pictured: from left, Alice Kinsel, president; Paula Whitehead, secretary; Quarton; Jennifer Ridlen, the president; and Beth Barr, vice-president. Andy Yurko and Mary Purdie Tapp are the National Honor Society faculty advisors. Nancy Sanders Miles was the volunteer project coordinator for the United Way.

Coolidge Jr. High students participate in event

GRANITE CITY—A team of 17 students from Coolidge Junior High School competed in a test of academic ability Dec. 2 in the National Knowledge Master Open. It was an academic competition involving hundreds of schools across the country.

The local team scored 885 of 2,000 possible points, placing the team 10th in the state of all middle schools that participated.

The contest was run on Apple II computers at secondary schools in all 50 states and in Canada. The computers tallied the students' scores based on

speed and accuracy.

This is the second time that Coolidge has entered the competition. An academic coach, Judy Hampton, organized the event as an eye opener.

"The team members realized just how challenging the questions were," she said. "However, they are ready to work harder in preparation for next year's competition."

The Knowledge Master Open was developed to provide all schools the opportunity to compete in a national academic con-

test, without the expense of traveling to a central site.

Results of the contest are tabulated into national, state and community-based rankings by Academic Hallmarks, the software publisher that produces the event.

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GCC grad works for Busch

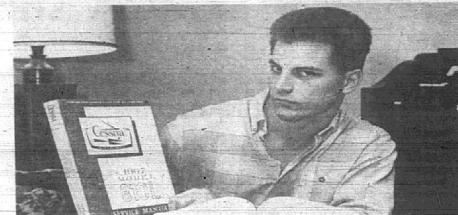
Jeff McClanahan's future is in good hands, his own.

McClanahan, a 1985 Dupe High School graduate, began his education at the Granite City Campus of Park's College in Cahokia.

"I've worked with my hands as long as I can remember," said McClanahan, whose father is a mechanic with TWA. "It used to be cars. Now it's planes."

McClanahan said the training at the Granite City Campus helped him get the job at Anheuser-Busch. He added he had to use his brain as well as his hands in the aviation maintenance program, which is approximately 60 percent lecture and 40 percent practical.

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Scholar

AT WIU Kimberly L. Joyce, a freshman from Granite City, was awarded the Dorothy Dunn Scholarship of \$500 at the second annual scholars' recognition ceremony held in fall 1987 at Western Illinois University.

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Sports



CARLOS BRIGGS dunks over Lebanon's Steve Peters during a first-round game of the Columbia Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28. Briggs' three-pointer gave the Red Devils a 66-63 win over Gillespie in the third-place game on Dec. 30.

Some good, some bad from holiday tourneys

A frenetic week of holiday tournaments was kind to two area teams and not so kind to three others. While the Warriors boys and girls basketball teams suffered losses to forgettable weeks and the Venice Red Devils had to settle for third place at their tournament, there was reason to smile for the Lady Warriors and the Trojans basketball camps.

Madison: Although the Trojans started the week on a losing note, they finished up in grand style and are now in for a run at bigger and better things as the start of the basketball season approaches.

Rich Essington didn't think he had much when the season started, but with a couple of blunders by the likes of Steve Sanders, there was hardly anyone with any varsity experience. But the Trojans were 8-2 heading into a Tuesday game at Bunker Hill, and only two losses came to highly-touted teams — Venice and Jacksonville.

They led the Red Devils with 21-24 quarters and were more than respectable against the Comets. Then a 79-65 loss to Jacksonville on Dec. 28 at the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic sent them into the consolation bracket. They lost to Terre Haute, the best of it, Wino over Granite City, Springfield Griffin and Springfield Calvary in a 24-hour span gave them the consolation title.

Gaining the consolation crown as such a prestigious tournament should earn them the respect they have been looking for. With Essington, coach and assistant Clarence Williams' and Jessie Deonard's three-point shots — the Trojans should get even better.

Granite City: A third-place finish might be good for a lot of teams, but the Devils were big favorites to win the Columbia Tournament.

Still, their last-second loss to Southwestern's Piasi on Dec. 28 wasn't as big an upset as it might appear. The Piasi Devils were unbeaten until losing to Waterloo in the tournament's final game the next night and have a good chance of going to state.

The Devils almost blew another one on a third-place game as Gillespie came back from a 10-point deficit to tie before Carlos Briggs' three-pointed at the buzzer gave Venice a 66-63 win.

Venice is 7-2 and had all week to get ready for its next test — an Illinoi-Gateau Conference game at East St. Louis on Saturday. The Pioneers joined the league this year and should give the Devils their toughest league battle in years. A Tuesday home game with Vashon was cancelled.

Granite City boys: This wasn't supposed to be a big year for the Warriors and it looks to be turned



By Dave Whaley

ing out that way. They are 3-8 after dropping two games at Collinsville and Don Dettinger will likely get a chance to look at more and more young players as the year goes on.

It's not far to get easier this week as the Warriors host conference leader Belleville West on Friday and travel to Joliet on Saturday. So Dettinger will have to fight for Nov. 40!

The Warriors will host a regional this year, one that includes East St. Louis Lincoln.

A regional matchup with the Tigers could be painful.

Granite City girls: After starting bravely at 4-2, the Lady Warriors have dropped four of their remaining a couple of decisive losses at the Mascoutah Tournament.

Amy Cant has supplied some

good minutes off the bench, but the team starts to have to carry most of the load and John Hutchings' team is to stay around the .500 mark.

Granite City wrestling: They didn't do well in tournament, but Mike Garland's grapplers can't complain about a second-place finish, especially since talented Cahokia won the event.

Rod Hutchings and Brent Davis stayed unbeaten and Davis even moved down a weight class — from 119 to 112.

Garland has moved some people around the team, but has gotten general good results.

Everyone knows about Granite City's tradition of sending wrestlers to state, and if the holiday tournament is any indication, the tradition is in good hands once again.

NOTES: The only blemish on East St. Louis Lincoln's mark last year was a loss to Marion in the first of the Collinsville Tournament. The Tigers went on to win state and figured to be just as strong this year.

The Ralston, meanwhile, were supposed to be the ones.

But it was the same old story in the finals this year as the upstate Lincoln beat the downstate Lincoln 64-49. Both teams had 10 points apiece and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. But his teammates didn't get him the ball often enough for him to score.

Meanwhile, the Ralston used the outside shooting of Brad Seitzer — the brother of Kansas City Royals third baseman Kevin Seitzer — to break the game

YMCA announces classes for new year

The Tri-City Area YMCA has announced its schedule of classes and programs for the new year.

Physical programs for youth include:

Tumbleweeds — A beginning gymnastics class for children ages 3 to 5. Instructor: Connie Land. Emphasis: basic tumbling and flexibility as an introduction to gymnastics. The class will meet Saturdays at 11 a.m. for eight weeks beginning Jan. 10.

GYMNASTICS — A class for children ages 6 and older. Dawn Sheikh introduces students to floor exercises and the use of equipment. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks and began Jan. 5. Beginners meet at 6 p.m., and advanced students meet at 5 p.m.

Karate — The YMCA offers three classes based upon age and skill level. Gary Schulze, black belt, instructs beginners, which are for 6 to 10-year-olds. Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and for those 9 years or older, (Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.). Beginner classes start Jan. 10 and last eight weeks. Advanced karate classes are taught by Roger Jackson, black belt, on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The eight-week session began Jan. 5.

Painting — An introductory class in drawing, watercolors and other media is offered to 4- to 12-year-olds on Saturdays at noon. Shelley Rockicki is the instructor for the six-week course, which will begin Jan. 9.

Baton — Former state champion twirler Rhonda Woodson instructs children 5 to 12 years of age. The class will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for eight weeks.

Weight Training — A program designed specifically for youth with instructor Jennifer Valencia. Valencia teaches proper techniques and routines for maximum strength and flexibility. The class will meet on Saturdays at 11 a.m. beginning Jan. 13.

A high school aquaball league is being formed for play in January. Classes will be scheduled in a round-robin format and a champion will be named to the first-place player. The league will begin play the week of Jan. 9.

The men's volleyball league, which in the past has featured

some of the best talent in the St. Louis area, will again be held on Tuesday evenings. Matches will begin Jan. 12.

Further information on volleyball leagues may be obtained by calling the YMCA at 876-7200.

The YMCA will also begin a portion of its nation's progressive aquatics program in January. This program has taught more people to swim than any other instructional program in the world. Aquarook classes meet twice per week; eight-week classes begin the week of Jan. 3.

Classes include:

Fitness Fantasia — An aerobic dance class. Becky Holland and Don Seidelas are the instructors for the eight-week course. Classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., or Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Classes begin Jan. 4.

Imperial Dance — Offered on Fridays at 7:15 p.m. Gary Schulze instructs couples how to dance the popular style. The initial class will begin Jan. 6. All classes are for beginners.

Pollwogs — For ages 6 years and up. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Guppies — For those whose ability level surpasses Pollwogs. Thursdays, 4 p.m.; Fridays, 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.

Minnows — For those who pass Guppies. Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Fish Flying Fish/Sharks — For those who pass Minnows. Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.

The YMCA also offers the following ongoing programs in the pool.

Arthritis Exercise — A class for those who suffer from arthritis pain or those who simply wish to prevent the occurrence of arthritis pain. The class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. beginning Jan. 4.

Swimnastics — An aquatic exercise class which stretches and strengthens all the major muscle groups, as well as aiding in weight loss. The class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. beginning Jan. 4.

Adult Leisure — For those who want to know how or wish to improve their strokes, lessons will be offered. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., or Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. These classes began Jan. 3.

The Tri-City Area YMCA swim team is nearing the half-way point in its season. Meets are scheduled for January and February, culminating in the district and state meets in March. All interested boys and girls age 10 to 18 are welcome to tryout for the team, which practices Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p.m. Janet Niles is the coach.

The YMCA sets aside several hours each day for adults to swim laps. Lap swim times are: 6 a.m., Monday-Friday; noon-2 p.m., Monday-Friday; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday; and 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday.

The YMCA offers a Family Swim night the following times: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays; 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays; 3:30-4:30 p.m., Thursdays; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Fridays; 3:30-4:30 p.m., Saturdays; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Sundays.

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Wild rice stuffed cornish hens

4 Cornish hens (1 lb. 6 oz. each), giblets removed, livers reserved
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1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
3 green onions, chopped
3 oz. bulk pork sausage
2 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 1/2 cup dry white wine
1 cup minced parsley
1 tsp. dried basil, crumbled
Salt and pepper
4 cups wild rice, melted
Chicken Broth
1/2 tsp. flour
3/4 cup heavy cream

Fold wing tips under hens. Chop reserved livers. Set aside.

In large skillet, melt 1/2 cup butter. Sauté mushrooms and green onions until soft, about 3 minutes.

Add sausage, breaking apart. Cook until done. Remove mixture with slotted spoon. Reserve.

Reserve 1/2 cup. Add livers, 1 1/2 cups chicken broth, wild rice, wine, parsley, basil, salt and pepper to taste. Cook until all liquid is absorbed, about 40 minutes.

Remove stuffing from heat. Stir in half the reserved mushroom

mixture. Cool.

Divide stuffing among hens. Tie legs and wings. Brush generously with melted butter. Roast 1 hour 15 minutes, or until hens test done, basting occasionally with remaining melted butter. Gentlemen serve the platter to keep warm.

To make sauce, discard fat from pan juices. Pour juices into measuring cup and add enough broth to make one cup. Set aside.

Melt 1/2 cup butter in heavy saucepan. Add flour, stirring until foamy and smooth.

Whisk in heavy cream, 1/2 cup chicken broth and reserved wine juice. Add remaining mushrooms mixture. Cook, stirring, until smooth and thickened. Salt and pepper, if needed.

Serve sauce over hens or separately. Hens can be served whole or split.

Makes 4 servings.

Rainbow walnut slices

1 cup shortening (half butter, if desired)
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 1/2 cups vanilla
3 cups sifted flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking powder
Red and green food coloring

1/4 cup quartered candied red cherries
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup quartered candied green cherries
1 (1 oz.) square unsweetened chocolate, melted
2 1/2 tbsp. finely chopped candied ginger

Cream together shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla.

Resift flour with salt and baking powder. Blend into creamed mixture.

Divide dough into thirds. Tint one portion pink, using six to eight drops red food coloring; red cherries and 1/2 cup walnuts. Pack in even layers in 9-by-5 inch loaf pan lined with waxed paper. Press top and bottom edges to seal and mix in 1/2 cup walnuts and green cherries. Blend melted chocolate into remaining dough and mix in remaining walnuts and cherries.

Pack in separate portion evenly over pink layer. Top with green tinted dough. Cover pan. Chill thoroughly in freezer.

To bake, remove loaf from dough pan. Slice thin with sharp knife. Cut slices in half.

Place cookies on lightly greased cookie sheets about 1 inch apart. Bake at 350° for 8 to 10 minutes, just until done but not browned.

Cool on racks.

Makes about 100 small cookies. Note: Dough may be wrapped in foil or plastic film and kept in freezer almost indefinitely. Slice off and bake a few cookies at a time, if desired.

Pineapple eggnog Filling

1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
3 cups dairy eggnog
1 (16 oz.) crushed pineapple, well drained
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 teaspoon rum extract

Combine sugar, cornstarch, nutmeg and cinnamon in a medium-size heavy saucepan. Gradually stir in eggnog. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to boil. Boil and stir 2 minutes.

Remove from heat. Stir in pineapple, vanilla and rum extract.

Press circle of waxed paper over surface of filling to prevent drying as it cools. Chill several hours.

Use as filling for cream puffs or between slices of angel food cake. Yields 3 cups; 120 calories, 3

gm. protein, 5 gm. fat, 17 gm. carbohydrate per 1/4 cup.

Hot vanilla mocha

1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 tsp. instant coffee granules
3 cups milk
2 cups water
1 tbsp. vanilla

Vanilla Whipped Cream Dollops

In medium saucepan, combine coffee, sugar and granules. Gradually stir in milk and water. Cook and stir over low heat until hot. Mix in vanilla extract.

Serve topped with Vanilla Whipped Cream Dollops. Yields 4 to 6 portions, about 5

cups. Vanilla Whipped Cream Dollops: In small bowl, beat 1/2 cup heavy (whipping) cream, 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla just until stiff peaks form. Using a tablespoon, drop onto filling. Let stand until firm about 30 minutes. Freeze solidly frozen dollops in covered container. Yields 20 dollops.

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